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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8709
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
FAA BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: OLYMPIC AIRWAYS TO EXTEND TECHNICAL SUPPORT
TO LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES

1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH LIBYAN AMBASSADOR MAY 12, TRANSPORT
AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GEORGE VOYATZIS ANNOUNCED THAT THREE
OLYMPIC PILOTS AND THREE AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS WILL GO TO LIBYA IN
NEAR FUTURE TO TRAIN LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES PERSONNEL IN OPERATING
B727 AIRCRAFT. IN OCTOBER 1975 TOTAL OLYMPIC PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT
WOULD BE INCREASED TO BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN.

2. TRANSPORT MINISTER ADDED THAT FUTURE TARGETS INCLUDE
ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR OLYMPIC SCHEDULES BETWEEN ATHENS AND
TRIPOLI, WHICH HE ASSERTED, WOULD ALSO FACILITATE TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: OLYMPIC AS PRIVATE CONCERN ALWAYS AVOIDED
INTERNATIONAL ROUTES WITH LOW TRAFFIC POTENTIAL. ESTABLISHMENT
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OF ATHENS-TRIPOLI ROUTE MAY BE FIRST EVIDENCE OF EFFECT OF

GOG OWNERSHIP, I.E., CHOICE OF ROUTES FOR REASONS OF PRESTIGE OR
FOREIGN POLICY. RESPONSIBLE OLYMPIC OFFICIAL STATES THAT NO
STUDY OF TRAFFIC POTENTIAL HAS INDEED BEEN MADE.
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